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Supreme Court Rules Committee  
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Re: Proposed GR 33  
Dear Committee Members:

With regard to the proposed GR 33 concerning disability accommodations, the Snohomish County Superior Court suggests that the proposed rule be amended to allow for the initial application to be considered by the local court administrator or the court administrator's designee. In many instances, it may be routine to accommodate certain disabilities and the arrangements can be made by the court's administrative staff.

In circumstances where the court administrator feels that the requested accommodation should not or cannot be made or can only be made in part, the matter could be referred to the presiding judge or another judge designated by presiding to consider such matters. That judicial officer can then issue the order required by proposed GR 33(d).

It is our belief that such a process could actually increase the efficiency of responding to and granting appropriate requests for accommodation as well as saving judicial time in those cases where the procedures are already in place for the requested accommodation.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Very truly yours,

Linda C. Krese  
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